

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 3339

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1998

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Rice Farmer Fairness  
5       Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PROTECTION FOR TENANTS AND**  
2 **SHARECROPPERS WHO PRODUCE RICE ON**  
3 **FARMS COVERED BY PRODUCTION FLEXIBIL-**  
4 **ITY CONTRACTS.**

5 Section 111(c) of the Agricultural Market Transition  
6 Act (title I of Public Law 104–127; 7 U.S.C. 7211(c))  
7 is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “In carrying”;  
9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
11 paragraph:

12 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(4), if eligible  
13 cropland covered by a contract includes rice cropland and  
14 a tenant or sharecropper was the principal producer of the  
15 rice before the contract was entered into, the owner or pro-  
16 ducer who entered into the contract shall be required, as  
17 a condition for the continued eligibility of the owner or  
18 producer for contract payments, to retain the rice crop-  
19 land in rice production or a cropping system rotation that  
20 includes rice production during the term of the contract.  
21 For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘rice cropland’  
22 means eligible cropland that, in the crop year immediately  
23 before the crop year in which the contract was entered  
24 into with regard to that eligible cropland—

25 “(A) was used for the production of rice; or

1           “(B) was not used for the production of rice,  
2           but was in a rice cropping system rotation for the  
3           purpose of producing rice.”.

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